



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2025

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jonathan McColiar called the meeting to order

2. Invocation and Pledge

Councilmember Paulette Chavers gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McColiar	Mayor	Present	
Tangie Johnson	Councilmember	Present	
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Present	
Ginny Hendley	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	

Other staff present: City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, Public Affairs Manager Layne Phillips, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden

3. Recognitions/Public Presentations

A) Presentation of retirement award to Ronnie Swint, Water & Sewer Crew Leader who is retiring effective November 1, 2025 after 20 years of dedicated service to the City of Statesboro

Mayor McColiar presented a retirement award to Ronnie Swint, Water & Sewer Crew Leader who will be retiring effective November 1, 2025 after 20 years of dedicated service the City of Statesboro.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 10-07-2025 Council Minutes

b) 10-07-2025 Executive Session Minutes

B) Consideration of a motion to approve the surplus of a 2012 Ford Explorer in the Statesboro Police Department.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

6. Second reading and consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-10: An Ordinance updating and replacing Article VI of Chapter 18 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances for Massage Establishments.

A motion was made to approve Ordinance 2025-10: An Ordinance updating and replacing Article VI of Chapter 18 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances for Massage Establishments.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

7. Second reading and consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-11: an Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances by adding Article XIV for Salons.

A motion was made to approve Ordinance 2025-11: an Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances by adding Article XIV for Salons.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

8. Public hearing and consideration of a motion to approve APPLICATION RZ 25-09-01: Zero Gravity Outreach request a Zoning Amendment from LI (Light Industrial) zoning district to the CBD (Central Business District) zoning district in order to redevelop the property for a community event venue and recreational facility at 19 Railroad Street (Tax Parcels # S27 00057 000, S27000057 A000, S27 00060 000, S27 000058 000, S27 00059 001, S27 000059 000).

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

The applicant spoke in favor of the request, explaining that they intend to build an event space that would be a safe place for families and children.

No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

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RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

9. Consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-12: An Ordinance annexing 355 Langston Chapel Road into the City of Statesboro.

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RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

10. Consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-13: An Ordinance to adopt the updated City of Statesboro Speed Control Ordinance and the accompanying list of roadways, List Number 10032025, in order to enforce speed limits within the city limits utilizing speed detection devices.

City Manager Charles Penny explained that this ordinance would normally require two readings, but staff is asking Council to waive that requirement and go ahead and approve the ordinance. This ordinance is something that is updated every three years to enable the police to continue using radar for speed enforcement.

A motion was made to waive the formalities of City Code section 2-2-4 and approve Ordinance 2025-13: An Ordinance to adopt the updated City of Statesboro Speed Control Ordinance and the accompanying list of roadways, List Number 10032025, in order to enforce speed limits within the city limits utilizing speed detection devices.

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MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

11. Consideration of a motion to accept the recommended retirement of K9 Smokey in the Statesboro Police Department and release ownership of him to his handler APO Patrick Webb for the remainder of his life.

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MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

12. Consideration of a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (Georgia Southern University) to place a health kiosk at 58 East Main Street.

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RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

13. Consideration of a motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command to participate in the U.S. Army Partnership for Your Success (PaYS) Program.

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MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

14. Consideration of a motion to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$152,771.84, to Cartee Construction & Utilities for the Ramble Road Sanitary Sewer project; to be paid with ARPA funds included in CIP project #WWD 32-C.

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SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

15. Other Business from City Council

Councilmember Shari Barr announced several upcoming events:

- A tree giveaway on Friday at 3:00 PM at the food bank, where residents can receive 7-gallon pot trees by bringing a food donation
- A resource fair on Saturday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the City of David Church on Institute Street, hosted by the Youth Council and the city
- Recycle Fest on November 1st to be held downtown on East Vine Street, which will include opportunities to shred materials and various vendors

16. City Managers Comments

Mr. Penny shared several announcements:

- The United Way kickoff lunch would be held tomorrow at the Convention and Business Bureau in the Farmers Market area
- Regarding the West Main Street sidewalk project change order from the previous meeting, the city was reimbursed \$37,208.80 by the design firm for their error
- A recruit firefighter pinning ceremony would be held on Saturday, October 26 at 9:00 AM at Fire Station 1 on Grady Street
- A tree lighting ceremony would take place on November 25th at 5:00 PM at the art park in downtown Statesboro
- A groundbreaking ceremony for Fire Station 3 would be held on October 30th at 10:00 AM on Brandon Street

Councilmember John Riggs reminded everyone that the Thrill of Flight event for children in grades 3-12 would be held this Saturday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. He noted that registration was available at firstflightga.gov and would take place at the Statesboro airport.

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr reminded citizens to vote, noting that there were city offices up for election as well as decisions about ESPLOST.

17. Public Comments (General):

Don DeVine thanked the Mayor and Council for "bringing massage therapy back into legitimacy." He expressed gratitude to the city manager's office, city attorney's office, clerk's office, and all council members for their work in moving massage-related bodywork into the appropriate regulatory framework.

**18. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters”
“Real Estate” and/or “Potential Litigation” in accordance with O.C.G.A 50-14-3(b).**

No executive session was held.

19. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk